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Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention relates to an operation control method in a fuel injection device that injects and supplies a fuel to an internal combustion engine, and to the fuel injection device. 5 Moremore particularly, it relates to those devices and methods in which enhancement in control stability and so on are realized.

Description of the Related Art

In recent years, as one type of a fuel injection device that injects and supplies a fuel to an internal combustion machine such as an engine, proposed are various fuel injection devices called common-rail fuel injection devices that are configured soso configured that a high-pressure fuel is temporarily stored in a fuel passage called a common rail. ___, and Thereafterthereafter, a plurality of injection nozzles connected to this common rail, each having a solenoid valve, are controlled_to, thereby enableenabling concurrent injection. These devices, and they are now well known in the art (for example, refer to Japanese Patent Laid-open No. Hei 10-54318).

[0003] In such a common-rail fuel injection device, whether or not an injection characteristic is good greatly depends on stability and reliability in controlling the pressure in the common rail, namely, the common-rail pressure, at a target pressure. This common-rail pressure control is roughly classified, in terms of the positions where the control is performed, into a high-pressure side control, in which pressure control is performed on a high-pressure side; (in other words, on a downstream side of a high-pressure pump for pressure-sending a fuel to the common rail so as to cause the common rail pressure to be a desired pressure), and a low-pressure control, in which common-rail pressure control is performed on an upstream side of the high-pressure pump. Each class of control, and each has its own merits and demerits, and althoughthough various control methods and control devices

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